



House Republicans have announced a set of five principles that we believe must be embodied in immigration reform legislation. Republicans want to enact a strong bill that secures our borders and puts a premium on strict enforcement of our immigration laws. Our goal is to send a bill to President Bush that reflects the following principles:

- Republicans strongly support initiatives to secure our borders and provide additional resources to federal and state authorities to strengthen border patrol efforts.
- Republicans strongly support strengthening enforcement and stiffening penalties for illegal immigrants who break our immigration laws.
- Republicans support enforcing the law on employers who knowingly hire illegal immigrants and holding them accountable.
- Republicans oppose efforts to reward the behavior of illegal immigrants who have made the choice to break our laws.
- Republicans believe the success of our country depends on newcomers obeying the law, assimilating into American society by learning English, and embracing our common identity as Americans.